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An inside look at your Cedarville investment



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Global
OUTREACH



A RICH HERITAGE

By Jim Cato, Associate Vice
President of Christian Ministries



In the summer of 1983, I prepared to take my first trip overseas with the Cedarville University Missionary Internship Service (MIS). Dr. Don Callan and Harold Green, who had made an impact on my life and ministry, encouraged me to lead a team to Australia. That began a relationship with Christian Ministries at Cedarville University spanning more than 30 years.

Christian Ministries has always been the heart of Cedarville University. It has been said, "If you graduate from Cedarville and were never involved in ministry, you really did not get a Cedarville education." I have been honored to know those who have developed the Christian Ministries program the last 50 years. These men shaped my understanding of what it means to be in ministry. Harold Green taught me to serve and love the lost, and Bob Rohm taught me humility and, as he said often, "It's all about the students." These lessons drive me every day I walk into my office at the Dixon Ministry Center.

There is a deep heritage of ministry at Cedarville that can be told through the lives of those who followed God's call to serve here. In 1970, Green arrived in Cedarville as Director of Christian Service and first Campus Pastor. His wife, Margaret, was hired as a part-time secretary and soon became full time when Harold was promoted to Vice President for Christian Service. Pastor Green oversaw logistics for daily chapels at Cedarville, developed touring team ministries, and started Cedarville University Fellowship to help local churches overwhelmed with the number of college students.

Because of their burden for the lost, Green and Callan formed MIS in 1971. Callan stated, "Harold

and I did the thinking and planning, and Margaret did the work." In the early years, MIS was under the direction of Callan, who served as Chairman; Dr. Jack Riggs, Secretary; James Rickard '71, Treasurer; Green, and Richard McIntosh.

Green served as Campus Pastor for 25 years, followed by Robert Rohm '68 in 1995. Pastor Rohm loved students and was passionate about missions trips to the Amazon. Under Rohm's leadership, the Christian Ministries Division moved to the new Dixon Ministry Center and added new staff, including the Director of Discipleship Ministries. Discipleship Ministries quickly grew to

was born out of what was formerly called Missions Involvement Services and Community Ministries. Global Outreach (Local) will help students reach their neighbors through churches, community outreach teams, and spring break teams using their resources, life experiences, talents, and time to live out the Gospel while serving others.

Global Outreach (International) will send teams around the world to proclaim the Gospel to the nations and experience missions firsthand. During spring and summer breaks, hundreds of students will assist missionaries while discerning God's direction in their own lives.

Discipleship Ministries oversees the more than 1,000 students meeting in small groups each week to study God's Word and develop community. This department also administers the Fit To Be Tied program, which provides premarital counseling for students.

Several departments have also been combined to create Production Services Group. Not only will this department give technical support for events on campus, including daily chapel, but it will also house HeartSong, OneVoice, and chapel bands. Production Services Group will also oversee chapel message podcasts and edit chapel services for airing on radio stations.

Through numerous changes over the years, the heartbeat of ministry has stayed the same, and today the original vision for Christian Ministries continues. Our desire is to see students deepen their understanding of what it means to know, live, and share the Gospel.

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involve more than a third of the student body. The Kingsmen Quartet, Lifeline Players, Swordbearers, and Master's Puppets touring teams became HeartSong Ministries. Rohm also combined Local Church Extension teams and Community Ministries into one department and expanded the Educational Resource and Assistance Program (ERAP) that sent English teachers to China.

In 2014, Christian Ministries' rich heritage continues. This year, a new Global Outreach department

THE CEDARVILLE IMPACT

In
2014

COMMUNITY

530 THROUGH
WEEKLY
PARTICIPANTS MINISTRIES

In
2014

DOMESTIC

50 ON
4 TEAMS
PARTICIPANTS DURING
SPRING BREAK MINISTRIES
IN THE U.S.

In
2014

INTERNATIONAL

287 ON
28 TEAMS
PARTICIPANTS
TO **22** COUNTRIES

Since
1970

LEGACY

CEDARVILLE HAS SENT MORE THAN

6,000
STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

TO
90 COUNTRIES
MORE THAN

THE WILLIAM GIBSON LEGACY

In 1891, Cedarville College was still a dream, waiting to become a reality. The state of Ohio chartered the school in 1887; however, due to lack of any meaningful monetary support, Cedarville existed in name only. Those lean years were difficult for the Board of Trustees, and their hopes soon faded. They were on the brink of abandoning the entire project.

In November, they received word that the late William Gibson, an influential Cincinnati businessman, had designated \$25,000 to Cedarville in his will in memory of his father and business partner, Peter Gibson. News of this estate gift revitalized the Board and breathed new life into the young college.

The college formally opened on September 19, 1894, with 32 students. In 1910, Dr. David McKinney, Cedarville's first President, remembered Gibson's gift when he wrote, "It seemed as though Providence intended that this work should go on."

William Gibson's bequest amounted to less than 2 percent of his estate's total value, yet who can calculate the eternal value of his gift? Just as God used William Gibson, He has used thousands of giving partners to support thousands of students serving in our local community and short-term missions trips to more than 90 countries.

To learn about the William Gibson Society, made up of donors who have elevated Cedarville to "family status" by making the University an heir in their estate plans, visit cedarville.edu/gibson or contact us at giftplanning@cedarville.edu.

Support Global Outreach

As part of the annual Missions Conference in January 2014, Cedarville University gave \$25,000 to help send 124 classmates on cross-cultural missions trips. Cedarville's vision is to give all students the same opportunity to share the Gospel around the world.

Your continued support of Cedarville's Global Outreach through the Cedarville Fund allows our students to set the world on fire for Christ.

To learn about other ways you can give or to make a gift, please visit cedarville.edu/giving.



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FROM STUDENT TO MISSION FIELD

By Jonathan '01 and Noella (Fisher) Kleis '99

Since 2005, we have served in Italy as church planters with Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE). When we are asked why we chose to go to Italy, our first answer is always that God led us there. Yet God's direction did not come to us in a vacuum; rather, it was through our personal experiences in Italy made possible through Missions Involvement Services (MIS) at Cedarville University (now known as Global Outreach). Even before we met, Noella had the opportunity to participate with an MIS team to Italy in the summer of 1997. She was so impacted by her experience that she decided to return the following summer.

These trips opened the door for us to lead the MIS Italy team in the summer of 2001, Jonathan's first visit to the country. Through working at a youth camp, assisting in evangelistic outreaches in Rome, forming relationships with missionaries and Italian believers, and experiencing the Italian culture firsthand, God laid a burden on our hearts to return full time as career missionaries. Another MIS trip the following summer confirmed this decision. In 2002, we were appointed missionaries with ABWE. After raising the necessary support, we arrived in Italy in June 2005 to begin language study so we could plant churches in northwestern Italy.

Our MIS experiences also prepared us for many of the challenges we have faced on the missions field. On one of our trips, an Italian church planter explained the great difficulties of this ministry. This helped us form realistic expectations when we became church planters. Many of the relationships

formed during MIS trips became sources of help and encouragement when we returned full time. Beyond MIS, our academic studies at Cedarville in music and international business equipped us for ministering in a cross-cultural context and for using music as an avenue for fruitful evangelism and discipleship.

We thank God for providing these opportunities through Cedarville's MIS program. While these trips were not the only factor God used to bring us to Italy, they were the most significant. Nothing compares with seeing a country in person, immersing yourself in ministry and having your heart personally knit together with people from another culture. Because of Cedarville, our lives have been truly changed forever.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

During my freshman year at Cedarville, I became involved in a ministry known as Project28Eighteen (now known as CUOutreach), which sent Cedarville students to other college campuses to have personal conversations about Christ. Sophomore year, I led this ministry at The Ohio State University, partnering with its Campus Crusade for Christ chapter. Little did I know what God had in store for this ministry. At the beginning of spring semester 2014, with no change of strategy or increase in publicity, the ministry doubled in size. We started meeting regularly with students from OSU with the earnest desire to bring them closer to the cross and ultimately see them start a relationship with Jesus Christ. In the middle of spring semester, we planned extensive changes to expand the ministry. This fall, Cedarville's CUOutreach will send Cedarville students not only to Ohio State, but also Wright State University, Sinclair Community College, and Central State University. In addition to going out to four different universities each week, we will hold weekly prayer meetings and training sessions to equip students to reach others for Christ. Our heart's desire is for every student at Cedarville to have one person who they are intently focused on bringing to the cross, regardless of the cost. Support from Cedarville's administration, coupled with the availability of vans, Bibles, and books to distribute, has helped this ministry grow. God is doing incredible things here at Cedarville, and I am thrilled to be a part of that work!

Chris Nunan '15

My experience with community ministry has been life changing. Since freshman year, I have been involved in a ministry in Springfield called Changing Lives Now. These past two years I led the ministry, and it has been such a humbling experience. When I first entered college, I had this idea of becoming a nurse and working in a foreign country to provide nursing care where it is not available. However, God has changed my perspective about the need for nurses in American urban areas to serve those who do not have access to health care resources. My sophomore year, I took a spring break trip to Memphis, Tennessee, to work with Service Over Self (SOS) fixing roofs and performing other house repairs. I wanted to be on another team at first, but this was exactly where God wanted me. I was inspired by the SOS staff's commitment and efforts to better the Memphis community. Through this trip, God opened my eyes to the needs in urban communities. I'm so thankful for these experiences. God has taught me to work where He has me, to bloom where I'm planted. I have loved working in urban environments and appreciated the way He has humbled me by these wonderful experiences.

Sarah Chalgren '15

I have been privileged to participate in several different community ministries during my time at Cedarville, including Greene Memorial Hospital, Cedar Cliff Elementary School Tutoring, and Good Shepherd Nursing Village. This year, I will lead the Good Shepherd Team. Every week, our Cedarville student team visits this nursing home located in Springfield, Ohio, and builds intentional relationships with residents through singing hymns, conversation, and prayer. Spending time at a nursing home forces me to step outside my college bubble full of people my own age, socioeconomic status, and religion, and step into a place that broadens my perspective.

While reading Philippians recently, I came across Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." I am thankful for this ministry because I have learned that, even though the nursing home residents are different from me, God loves them and created them in His image. Every week, I watch residents praising Christ even as they live through one of the most difficult and lonely stages of their lives. Their strong faith and joyful spirits are examples of how I desire to live my life. I see Jesus in them. I constantly find myself humbled by their faith and joy as I learn to place their interests before my own.

Abby Sherman '15